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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Applicant: SELVA Maurizio)
Ser. No.: 10/734,208) Group Art Unit: 1626
Filed: December 15, 2003) Examiner: SHIAO REI TSANG
For: Synthesis of mono-N-substituted ...)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir,

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

The applicants herewith petition the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated December 2, 2005 for three months from January 2, 2006 to April 2, 2006. Please charge the deposit account number 13-3860 of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of US\$ 510,00 (fee code 2253) to cover the cost of extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office action dated December 2, 2005, applicants submit the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

In compliance with the requirement of the Examiner to elect the invention to be examined under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant hereby elects invention I, drawn to a process for the direct synthesis of mono-N-substituted anilines. The claims readable thereon are claims 1-26, as follows: